

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT ON BILL NO. **S. 36**

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TO:	The Honorable Harvey S. Peeler, Chairman, Senate Medical Affairs Committee		
FROM:	Office of State Budget, Budget and Control Board		
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AUTHOR:	Senator Ford	PRIMARY CODE CITE:	44-74-20
SUBJECT:	Radiologist Assistant and Certification Requirements		

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES:

A Cost to the General Fund (See Below)

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON FEDERAL & OTHER FUND EXPENDITURES:

\$0 (No additional expenditures or savings are expected)

BILL SUMMARY:

Senate Bill 36 amends Chapter 74, Title 44 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, relating to the registration and certification of radiologic technologists. The Bill extends the Chapter to include a new category of Radiologist Assistants. The Bill specifies criteria for registration and certification of radiologist assistants. The Bill also increases membership on the Board of the South Carolina Radiation Quality Standards Association from 13 to 15 members. The two additional members are to be radiologist assistants.

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT:

Department of Health & Environmental Control (DHEC)

The Department reports that an increase in the number of registered and certified radiology workers will increase the time spent in annual and periodic facility inspections and document reviews. The increased workload is estimated to result in the need for an additional 0.25 FTE and operating expenses estimated at \$11,866 annually (including \$10,232 for salary and fringes and \$1,634 in operating expenses). The fees earned from this Section of the S.C. Code are not retained by the Department.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT IMPACT:

None.

SPECIAL NOTES:

None.

Approved by:



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